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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Testimony on Charters Before the Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence

With reference to the charters for the Intelligence Community, once you make your decisions on the points of difference between the Administration and the Huddleston Bill, we all need to communicate those differences to the Senate Select Committee in precise language. One of those points, I believe, should be the organization of the Bill. We have proposed a logical sequence which would successively describe our authorities, the restrictions on us and the system of oversight to check on use of the authorities or possible abuse of the restrictions. We need, I believe, this emphasis on the oversight process to help us ward off amendments that would add restrictions to the Bill. The Huddleston draft obscures the oversight process.

I would, therefore, like to approach my testimony on 26 February with a marked up revision to the Huddleston Bill. It would reorder the sequence of articles as noted above and it would insert the appropriate language where we differ with the Committee's draft. This would not be the tabling of an Administration Bill, but simply a means of clarifying for the Committee the points on which you differ with the Huddleston Bill. It seems to me there is some merit in having before the Members of the SSCI a legislative vehicle which contains the precise Charters language you would like to see them pass.

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